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## House Armed Services Committee

### Floyd D. Spence, Chairman

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#### **ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORTS BIPARTISAN NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE POLICY BILL**

*Today, the House Armed Services Committee reported H.R.4, a bill declaring it to be the policy of the United States to deploy a national missile defense (NMD), on a strong, bipartisan 50-3 vote. Upon final passage, committee Chairman Floyd Spence issued the following statement:*

“Today’s committee passage of H.R. 4 represents an important step in the debate over defending the American people against the threat of ballistic missile attack. Not only does this vote reflect consensus on the seriousness of the growing ballistic missile threat and recognition of the need to spend more to counter the threat, above all, it provides a categorical commitment that national missile defenses will be deployed. H.R. 4 reflects the committee’s strong bipartisan belief that all Americans deserve to be protected against the growing threat of ballistic missile attack.”

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